

# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**Wednesday, 12th December 1923.**

The House met at 11 o'clock, the President (the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR, K.C.S.I., C.I.E.) in the Chair.

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### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—*

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions and answers shall be arranged in order of subjects.

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

### LAND—PORAMBOKE.

*Grant of poramboke land in Chingleput district.*

23 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Messrs. T. P. Jacob, Ellan Moses and N. Samuel of Tenneri village, Conjeeveram taluk, Chingleput district, have sent in a petition in October 1919 to the Collector of Chingleput praying for the grant of poramboke land bearing survey No. 289 in the village of Kuttavakkam (near Tenneri village) for services rendered during the Great War as members of the No. 1 Madras Porter Corps; and what action has been taken thereon?

A.—The Government have no information.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES.

*Legislative measures likely to be introduced during the session.*

24 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the legislative measures that are likely to be introduced for consideration in this session?

A.—Excluding the Tuticorin Port Trust Bill and the Bill to repeal the Stage Carriage Act, 1861, and amend the Madras Hackney Carriage Act, 1911, which have already been introduced, the following is a list of the legislative measures that are under the consideration of the Government and as each one is ready, it will be introduced in this session:—

(1) The Madras Irrigation Bill.

(2) A Bill to amend the Madras Local Boards Act.

(3) „ District Municipalities Act.

(4) „ Elementary Education Act.



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- (5) The Madras Hindu Wills Bill.
- (6) „ Succession Certificate Amendment Bill.
- (7) „ Estates Land Bill.
- (8) „ Civil Courts Amendment Bill.
- (9) A Bill to provide for the sanitation of places of pilgrimage and fairs and festivals.
- (10) A Bill for the registration of nurses and midwives.
- (11) The Land Revenue Settlement Bill.
- (12) A Bill to amend the Village Officers Act.
- (13) The Railway Protection Act Amendment Bill.
- (14) The Madras Court of Wards Amendment Bill.

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—“ May I ask the hon. the Law Member whether he proposes to introduce Bills (1) to (14) in this session of the Council ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Sir, a number of them will be introduced.”

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—“ Sir, I wish to know on what lines Bills (12) to (14) are going to be formulated.”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ They will be published before they are introduced.”

#### LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

##### *Examination of the Red Hills water.*

25 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Corporation of Madras sent or intended to send samples of Red Hills water at various levels in Madras to the King Institute, Guindy, for examination, and, if so, whether the Director of King Institute declined to examine them ?

A.—The answer is in the affirmative. The Surgeon-General was of opinion that the examination suggested would be of no value for the purpose which the Corporation had in view, viz., to find out whether water was contaminated through leakages in the service pipes.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ Sir, I should like to know if the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government was satisfied with the opinion expressed by the Surgeon-General.”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Yes, Sir.”

##### *Report of the Committee on the Indigenous systems of Medicine.*

26 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what action the Government have taken on the Report of the Committee on the Indigenous systems of Medicine ?

A.—The report was referred by the Government to two experienced Indian Medical Service officers for expert opinion from the point of view of allopathic physicians. Their reply has been received and I have tentatively made the following proposals :—

- (1) Opening of a School of Indian Medicine, the staff of which will consist of a physician who has been trained according